

REMARKS

The present request is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated April 25, 2006, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a Request for a Three-month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by October 25, 2006.

Claim 25 is pending in this application.

In the final Office Action, the Applicants' terminal disclaimer filed October 12, 2005 was accepted and recorded.

Claims 26-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 27 and 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claim 25.

The Information Disclosure Statement filed by the Applicant on October 12, 2005 has been objected to by the Examiner.

However, it is noted that the identical prior art was cited and considered in the parent application, now Patent No. 6,699,408. Accordingly, the subject prior art should also be considered herein, even without the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement.

MPEP Sec. 609 (1) and (2) states the following:

" The Examiner will consider information which has Been considered by the Office in a parent application When examining (A) a continuation application filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)** (B) a divisional application Filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b)** or (C) a continuation-

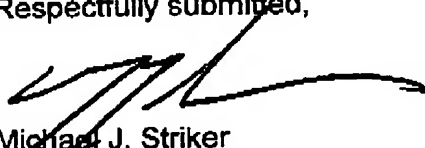
In-part application filed under 1.53(b). A listing of the Information need not be resubmitted in the Continuing application unless the applicant desires The information to be printed on the patent.

The Applicant herein does desire that the information be printed on the cover of the patent. For this reason a listing of the information has been provided. However, in any event the information should be considered by the Examiner, in accordance with MPEP Sec. 609

In light of the allowance of claim 25, claims 26-35 have been canceled so that the application with allowable claim 25 still pending will be moved toward an allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should any formal matters remain to be resolved prior to the allowance of this application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call to discuss those issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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